



## Italy, Spring 2001

April 18: Gary & Sharon Rossi and Nick & Bettie Rossi arrive in Rome in the afternoon and spend our first day exploring the neighborhood around our hotel.



We visited the church of San Pietro in Vincoli.

Michelangelo's Moses



The chains of St. Peter







Roman streets

Trajan's Forum

Our hotel in Rome, the Albergo Romano, was right across the street from the entrance to the Roman Forum.





Thursday, April 19: We started our first morning in Rome with a visit to the Colosseum, just a few steps from our hotel.







The view into the Roman Forum from the Colosseum



Nick and Gary discussing Roman history with a local centurion.



The Curia, home of the Roman senate







Our long day of walking through ancient Rome led us from the Forum to the Campidoglio on our way to the Pantheon.

This is the Mamertine Prison where St. Peter and St. Paul were incarcerated by the Romans.



Near the Pantheon is the church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, where the body of St. Catherine lies under the altar.







The Pantheon



From the Pantheon we walked to Piazza Navona, where we admired the three Bernini fountains and enjoyed the chocolate tartufo gelato at Tre Scalini.







We continue our walk through the Campo dei Fiori to Trastevere



Thursday ends at the 4th century church of Santa Maria in Trastevere

After a great dinner and 12 hours of walking through ancient Rome, we took a well earned ride in a taxi back to our hotel!







April 20: A rainy Friday morning finds us at Vatican City, where we first tour the Vatican Museum and then visit the church of St. Peter.

Raphael's  
School of Athens



The basilica of St. Peter's







Michelangelo's  
Pietà

Bernini's seven-story tall  
bronze canopy over the main altar



Tomb of St. Peter

